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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Admirable Enterprise

THE Social Welfare Officer's progress report on the scheme for resettling the victims of the Tung Tau village fire makes good reading. Government has acted quickly and with admirable enterprise to afford the most needy of the dispossessed squatters, not merely temporary relief and comfort, but permanent rehabilitation. One hundred and sixty three of the poorest families, representing some 600 people, have already been resettled in solid, well built structures; the children are receiving schooling, and the settlers are considering forming a Village Welfare Association. In effecting this resettlement project Government has done more than see that the fire victims are provided with new dwellings; it has invested these unfortunates with a new dignity. They are no longer squatters, living cheek by jowl in unhealthy and dangerous hovels. They can now reside on an approved site, have been given enough money to build for themselves brick and asbestos huts, are in due course to have piped water laid on, are relieved of many of the fire dangers which daily threatened them under the conditions in which they previously existed, and can look forward to having their places of employment brought nearer to them when the resettlement scheme is finalised.

It is, probably, too much to expect their vociferous sympathisers in the hinterland to appreciate what has already been accomplished for the Tung Tau squatters, or to acknowledge that these people, thanks to the initiative of the Hongkong Government and the ready co-operation of a number of voluntary social organisations in the Colony, are being given the opportunity of living under conditions far superior to any they have previously experienced. The practical aid given them, however, cannot be denied, any more than it can be hidden. The realities of the resettlement project and the obvious satisfaction of the squatters over their new living conditions provide the best and most enduring answer to false and belittling propaganda.

Unedifying

THE Inveictive and insults which the Communist negotiators at Pan Mun Jom are now directing against the United Nations is the measure of the weakness of their position. It is all too clear that they have no reasonable or constructive proposals to advance. They have become frustrated by their own ineptness and now hardly rate the nomenclature of "negotiators." They may, of course, merely be testing the patience and tempers of the UN delegates, hoping they will lure Admiral Libby or one of his associates into an indiscreet observation that will give them an excuse of breaking off the Pan Mun Jom meetings. If such be their childish notion they are certainly wasting their own time and denying their own intelligence. If the Communists wish to break off negotiations they have only to say so. On the other hand, if they desire progress towards an armistice to be made, they will have to change their present tone, and show some signs of being practicable and reasonable. Their current behaviour at the conference table is anything but edifying, and achieves precisely nothing.

LABOUR PARTY SPLIT: COMPROMISE POSSIBLE

Peace-Makers Advance A New Proposal

London, Mar. 10. Signs of a compromise appeared tonight in the clash between the British Labour Party's leadership and its rebels led by Mr Aneurin Bevan. Some ex-Ministers were reported to be working to patch up the differences between the two sides.

The peace-makers were canvassing the idea that the proposed pledge of Party loyalty should be signed by all Labour Members of Parliament instead of only by the rebels.

This, they said, would avoid placing the Bevanites in an undignified position which they could not accept.

A pledge from the whole Party would amount to a revival of the Party's former strict code of discipline which has been suspended since the war.

This might preserve outward harmony at least until the Party meets to re-plan its policy at a national conference.

But the Party's leader, Mr Clement Attlee, is believed still to insist on getting a promise that Mr Bevan and his followers would not again oppose majority Party decisions on pain of expulsion.

Labour Party leaders are determined to seek the backing of their whole parliamentary following tomorrow in presenting an ultimatum to Mr Aneurin Bevan and his rebellious left-wingers.

Cuban Revolt Latest

Batista Sets Up A Govt.

Havana, Mar. 10.

General Fulgencio Batista announced tonight the organisation of a provisional government after seizing control of the capital.

Earlier, General Batista was reported to be planning to dissolve the then existing government and suspend constitutional guarantees for 45 days, leaving the army and national police in control of the country.

General Batista had rebelled against President Carlos Prío Socarras and he alleged tonight that the government which he had toppled had become a collection of political "ward heifers." He asserted that Prío himself had planned a coup to seize the presidency his political heir, former President Carlos Hevia.

The Cuban "strong man" won control of the capital without a struggle and almost without firing a shot.

The first challenge to the revolt came when the Cuban Air Transport Workers' Union ordered its men to walk out of their jobs at the Great Ranchero Boyeros International Airport in protest.

ADDRESSES TROOPS

General Batista's first move was to go to the great camp Columbia outside Havana, general headquarters for the army and its national stronghold.

There, the "strong man" addressed the troops and said that he was taking over because Cuba had lost confidence in the Government.

The move followed a wave of assassinations in recent weeks. The new Police chief, Colonel Rafael Salas, told the United Press tonight that the armed forces of the Republic were responsible for the coup d'état and that they went to General Batista and asked him to "save the Republic from chaos."

"The General, who has always been alert to the hour of responsibility, then took charge," the Police chief added.

General Quirino Uribe, former chief of the national police, is now Chief-of-Staff of the Cuban Army.—United Press.

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Man's Ear As Exhibit In Court

London, Mar. 10. A man's ear was presented as an exhibit in an assault case here today. Its owner, a docker named Frederick Bunn, alleged that his ear was bitten off in an argument on a bus on March 3, when the fares were increased in London's public transport. After a melee, Bunn's ear was found on the floor of the bus and was kept as evidence by the police. Another docker was today committed for trial on a charge of causing Bunn "grievous bodily harm." He pleaded not guilty.—Reuter.

New Blows At Alien Reds

US Court Rulings

Washington, Mar. 10. The Supreme Court decided by 5-4 on Monday that alien Communists facing deportation may be held without bail if the Attorney General finds they might imperil the nation's security.

In a separate earlier opinion, the tribunal ruled 6-2 that alien Reds may be deported solely on the grounds of past membership in the Communist party.

Justice Reed delivered the court's opinion on the bail case involving four persons arrested in California and ordered held in custody pending the outcome of deportation proceedings against them.

Justice Reed spoke for a court majority consisting of himself, Justices Jackson, Clark and Minton.

Justices Douglas, Frankfurter, Black and Burton wrote dissenting opinions. Justice Reed's majority opinion that refusal to grant bail in specific cases "is not arbitrary or capricious or abuse of power."

But Justice Black, dissenting, called the ruling "a shocking disregard" of guarantees of the Bill of Rights.

The earlier case involved three aliens ordered deported because of past membership in the Communist party.

The court majority said a nation must not be deprived of a weapon of defence and reprisals.—Associated Press.

IS STALIN ILL?

Paris, Mar. 10.

The Conservative newspaper, Le Monde, commenting on Stalin's absence from the recent Budget session of the Supreme Soviet, said today that he was either ill or absent from Moscow.

"Stalin's striking absence can have only two reasons: either he is ill in the Kremlin and his doctors forbade him to go to the nearby Assembly Hall, or he is again absent from Moscow."

M. Andre Pierre, foreign editor of Le Monde and one of the leading French experts on the Soviet Union, recalling that Marshal Stalin attended last year's Budget session of the Supreme Soviet, said: "Stalin never misses this official session of Parliament, which takes place in the Kremlin a few yards from his personal residence. It is the sole occasion of the year when he can show himself to the deputies and receive their warm ovations."

Reuter.

Britain To Have "Very Fine Army"

London, Mar. 10. The War Secretary, Mr Anthony Head, today asked the House of Commons to approve Army Estimates totalling £491,500,000 for the coming year and a strength of 555,000 of all ranks for a "very fine army," one with the makings of the best army Britain has ever had.

Mr Head, in moving the Estimates, said that of all active formations now in the Army no less than 38 per cent were engaged in what amounted to active operations.

Since the gold war began, they had suffered casualties of 4,000 killed, wounded and taken prisoner of war.

In Malaya, Egypt, Korea and elsewhere, in trying and difficult conditions the Army had carried on with efficiency, determination and cheerfulness.

Between them, the regular soldier and the national serviceman had fused to combine into a very fine army—"In my opinion it has the makings of the best army we have ever had."

DONE THEIR DUTY

Mr Head added, amid cheers: "These men of the British Army, many of them parted from their wives and children, many of them conscripted against their wishes, many of them in danger and discomfort all over the world, have done their duty in a way which deserves the admiration and gratitude of the whole of this House."

Mr Head, referring to the need for a substantial number of regulars, said the results of the short service engagement of three years had been encouraging, but not enough, and he would shortly propose, in the form of an amendment to the Army Act, a term of enlistment whereby a man could join the Army for 22 years.

A man would not only be offered an opportunity to join the Army for 22 years, but any man who did so could leave at three yearly intervals throughout his service. After 22 years, providing his conduct had been good, a man could remain in the Army until 55 years of age.

"In future there will be no man in the Army who has a binding commitment beyond three years," Mr Head declared.

PROSPECTS

A man could join the Army at 18 and if he showed ability he would be a corporal by 24 and a sergeant by 29.

If he married early and obtained those promotions by the time he was 24, he could be earning £8 a week, and by the time he was 29 £10 a week.

If he served 22 years and was a sergeant, he would earn a pension of £2 and a tax-free terminal grant of £200, and if he stayed until he was 55 and was promoted Warrant Officer, which he might well be, he would have a pension of £6 and a terminal grant of £200.

It had been decided to eliminate compulsory retention of regulars as a matter of policy. From September 1953 no regular would be compulsorily retained after his period of service had expired.

RESERVE ARMY Mr Head told the House that the Reserve Army was filling up and should soon reach its full strength.

Now that the Reserve Army was filling up, however, there was very urgent need for volunteers in the Territorial Army, especially for senior NCOs.

Dealing with Colonial troops, Mr Head said it planned to form two new battalions in the West Indies.

The Malay Regiment had raised a fifth battalion and was now raising a sixth. Two new battalions had also been raised in East Africa.—Reuter.

Just A Minute, Who Are You?



This strange looking man seen around the Munich streets recently, dressed in a self-designed uniform comprising parts of American, British, French and German uniforms with a Scots hat, and describing himself as "NATO 1", is stopped by a German policeman and asked to produce his Duty Pass.—London Express.

Socialists Control Fate Of Pinay's Cabinet

Paris, Mar. 10. The fate of M. Antoine Pinay's new Cabinet before the National Assembly tomorrow depends largely on the Socialists, political observers considered tonight.

They recalled that the Premier's investiture by a margin of 11 votes was assured by the votes of 27 Gaullists despite the group's decision to abstain and by the solid front presented by the coalition parties.

Tomorrow, M. Pinay must expect defections from both these groups for these reasons: 1.—His retention of Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, which was the price of Popular Republican (MRP) participation in the Government. Many of the Gaullist rebels believe that M. Schuman has ceded too much of France's independence in the proposed European army. Many of M. Pinay's own Moderate Conservatives and many Radicals consider M. Schuman too lenient to North African nationalism.

2.—The smaller Cabinet, with only 22 Ministers and Secretaries of State appointed, has disappointed many would-be Ministers.

WORRIED 3.—Right-wing members of the coalition parties are worried because M. Pinay has promised to pursue the sliding scale wage scheme and fear that he might back price control measures.

4.—On the other hand, the Popular Republicans fear that M. Pinay's economic policy will be too rightist and have refused to join with economic responsibility.

Thus, M. Pinay can hardly rally the 324 votes that invested him. But if the 108 Socialists, who then voted against him, tomorrow abstain, M. Pinay may well secure approval of his Cabinet.

The Socialists may state that they dislike the policies he outlined but will judge him on the measures themselves.

The Premier is not obliged under the Constitution to submit his Cabinet for the Assembly's approval, and, therefore, he does not need an absolute majority of votes.

General Charles de Gaulle made it clear today that neither he nor his French People's Rally would participate in the Government party regime. Any Gaullist deputy joining the government would "not belong to his party," he said at a news conference.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE CRITICAL

Paris, Mar. 10. General de Gaulle tonight declared that the new French Cabinet will be unable to save France.

BUTLER'S BUDGET

A Nation Waits For Bad News

London, Mar. 10. Britain will be faced tomorrow with the most critical—and probably the most unpleasant—financial budget in her history.

Throughout the nation tonight there was gloomy speculation on the effect that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard Butler's proposals will have on the lives of everyone.

Signs were that few pockets will escape being heavily hit. But Mr Butler, in presenting his first budget to Parliament, has a bigger worry than foregoing the popularity of his fellow countrymen. His task is nothing less than to restore world confidence in Sterling.

For this supreme purpose the quality of his budget and its impact on the world may be more important than its figures.

Above all, people here and in foreign countries are waiting to see what he does to restore incentives to British producers and whether he will cut the subsidies which for years have kept Britain's food prices down.

NOT SUFFICIENT When Mr Butler opens the budget tomorrow it may well show a surplus, without any changes in taxation, of £400,000,000, or more.

New taxes imposed a year ago will produce about £250,000,000 of extra revenue in the coming year.

But this in itself is not enough to revive confidence in the Sterling.

Financial experts here placed no credence in rumours that the budget would include some change in Sterling exchange rates. They said that this was just what the budget was designed to avoid.

Another week-end development, Australia's drastic import cuts, means another complication. Those cuts will certainly cause some unemployment in Britain.

There is a fear that the bleeding away of the Sterling Area's gold and dollar reserves has not yet been checked. If it continues at the rate of the last quarter the reserves would be exhausted by September.—Reuter.

TRAWLER STRIKE OVER 3 FISH

North Shields, Mar. 10. About 250 trawlermen struck here today over three fish. For years owners have given them three flat fish and six haddock each for a "fish-try" at the end of a catch.

Today men of 25 trawlers refused to sail unless they were given six flat fish. The owners say that negotiations with the men's union were in progress.—Reuter.

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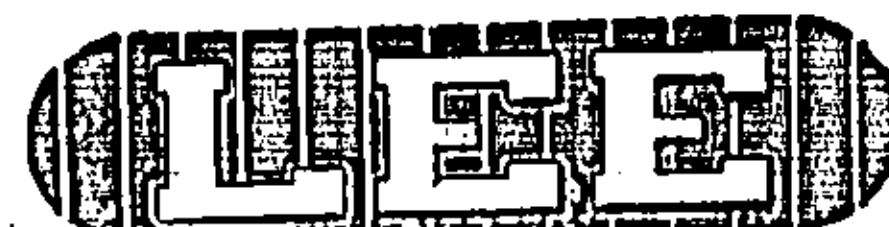
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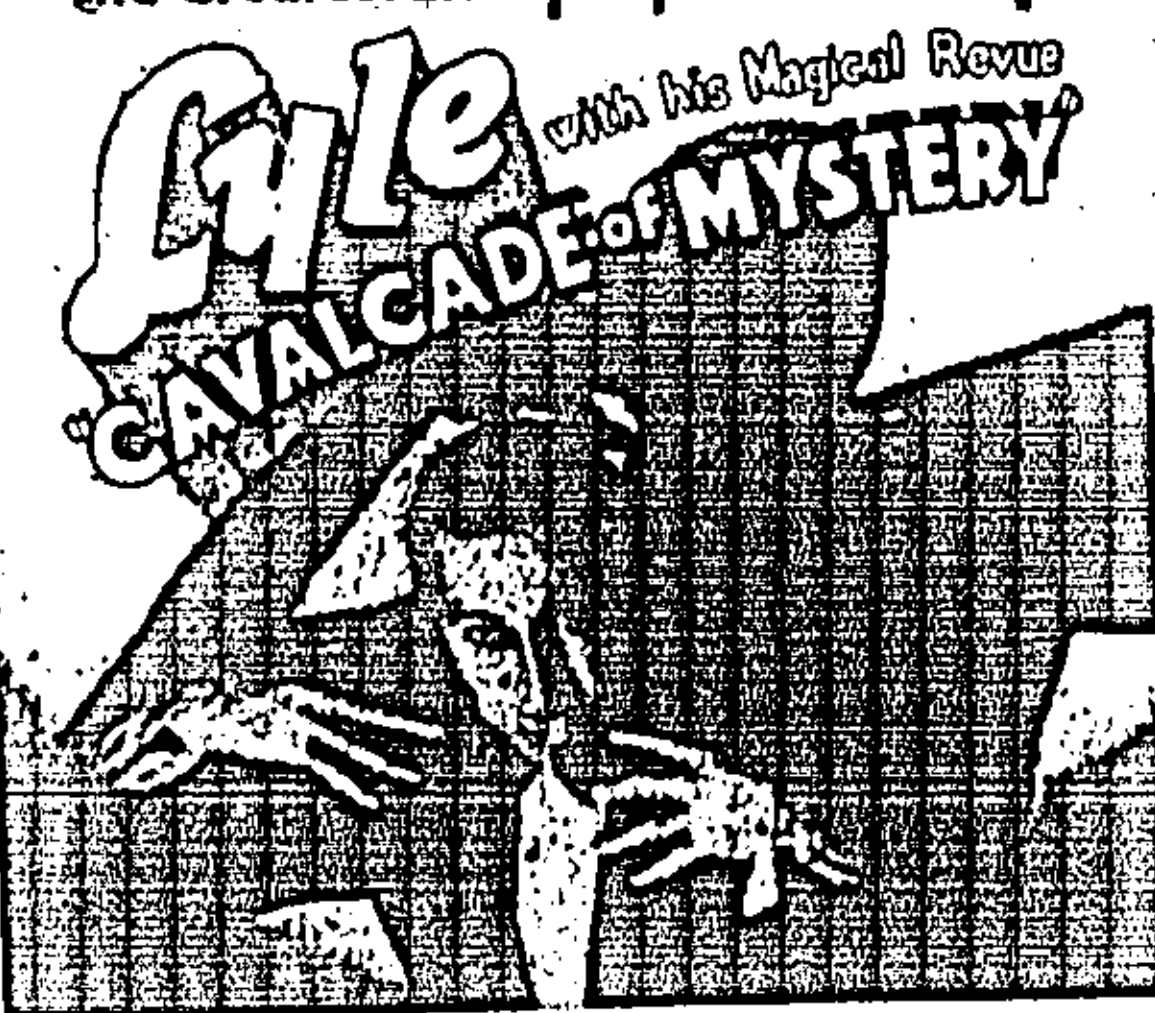


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**Colonies Not
A Source
Of Manpower**

London, Mar. 10. The War Minister, Mr. Anthony Head, said today that the heavy cost and shortage of suitable officers were the main obstacles to Britain's use of her colonial manpower to replace the gap left by the Indian Army when India won her independence in 1947.

Mr. Head, who was asking the House of Commons to approve the Army Estimates of £491,500,000 for the coming year, said that to use colonial manpower, not only commissioned officers and captains or junior majors with 10 to 15 years' service were needed.

The proposal to raise a West African division would require about 1,200 British officers and non-commissioned officers. Buildings and accommodation would take four to six years to complete.—Reuter.

**RIDGWAY
TO OCCUPY
TOJO'S H.Q.**

Tokyo, Mar. 10. General Matthew B. Ridgway will soon move his headquarters to the suburban building once occupied by the late Premier General Hideki Tojo and his war-making Japanese Army General Staff.

Gen. Ridgway's Army and United Nations Command offices are now in the Dai Ichi Building, a former insurance company building near the Emperor's palace in central Tokyo.

After the Japanese peace treaty is ratified, Gen. Ridgway will take over the old Japanese War Ministry building at Ichigaya, a Tokyo suburb.

Tojo and other militarists were tried for war crimes in the building early in the Allied occupation. It was converted into an apartment house for occupation personnel in 1948-49 and named Fushing Heights.

Most Allied troops now in Tokyo will move to Camp Zama, 30 miles southwest of the capital, after the treaty is ratified.

US Far East Naval Headquarters will move to Yokosuka Naval Base and the Far East Air Force Headquarters will move to Tachikawa Air Base. Both sites are within five miles of Tokyo.

A joint US-Japan committee worked out details of the proposed military moves and other post-treaty problems concerning disposition of American security forces.

An official announcement said: "Full regard will be given to the economic and social life of Japanese and property rights of the individual." — Associated Press.

**Dead Pilot
Was A
War Hero**

London, Mar. 10. The pilot of a naval jet Attacker aircraft, who was reported missing last week on a flight over Cremona, was named today as Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Cameron Lindsay, of Breamley, Kent.

He is now presumed to be killed and next of kin has been informed.

His squadron, No. 814, was awarded last month the Boyd Trophy for the most meritorious feat of naval aviation during 1951. The squadron earned the honour for its contribution to night flying from HMS 'Vengeance' and ashore.

Lieutenant-Commander Lindsay won the D.S.C. in 1944 for bravery, leadership and devotion to duty during successful strikes at enemy shipping off Norway.

He was married, with a son and a daughter, both under two years of age.—Reuter.

Beauty Queen Goes For A Ride



**Israel Interest In
Plans For
The Middle East**

London, Mar. 10. The Israeli Foreign Minister, Dr Moshe Sharett, will question the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, tomorrow on possible association of Israel with the Western plans for Middle East defence.

It was understood that Dr Sharett does not envisage Israel's participation in the military command structure which Britain, the United States, France and Turkey propose to set up in the Middle East.

He regards a peace settlement between Israel and the Arab States as an essential prerequisite to the establishment of a formal link between his country and the Middle East Command nations.

Dr Sharett will probably suggest that Israel might reach some understanding with Britain, America and France separately on the part she would play in the event of war between Russia and the Western Allies.

She would almost certainly come in on the side of the West. An essential forerunner to peace between Israel and the Arab States, in Dr Sharett's view, is a settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute, and he is expected to question Mr. Eden closely on his view of the prospect of an early solution of the problem.

Dr Sharett is also expected to raise with Mr. Eden the possibility of Israel helping Britain fulfil her defence production programme.

She has adequate industrial capacity for the purpose and would welcome orders for arms and ancillary military equipment.

Dr Sharett is on a fortnight's visit to Britain on behalf of the Joint Palestine Appeal for funds to assist immigration into Israel. He leaves for Tel-Aviv next Friday.

He dined tonight as the guest of the Marquess of Reading, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and a member of a well-known Anglo-Jewish family.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S ROLE

Washington, Mar. 10. The Washington Post today said that it might be necessary to give Australia an associate membership in the North Atlantic Treaty because of her decision to send two air squadrons to the Middle East.

This decision was a return to Australia's former role as one of the guardians of the Mediterranean-Red Sea lifeline of the Commonwealth, the Post added in a leading article.

"If the Australian armaments stationed in Cyprus, as expected, they will be at the disposal of the new Middle East Command. More important, they will be in territory which is covered by the newly extended North Atlantic Pact."

"It might be necessary then to give Australia an associate membership in the North Atlantic Alliance on somewhat the same terms as Greece and Turkey had before they came into full membership."

Twenty-three-year old Rosa Prunell (centre) is driven through the streets after being chosen Miss Uruguay at Atlantida, near Montevideo. She will represent her country in the Miss Universum contest to be held in Atlantic City, U.S.A. — Express Service.

**TALKS IN
LONDON ON
WAR DEBTS**

London, Mar. 10. The Creditors' Committee of the 28-nation conference for settling Germany's external debts had two private sessions today.

The Committee was understood to have established about 12 sub-committees for negotiating settlement proposals on different external pre-war German debts.

The 28-nation Creditors' Committee will compare the merits of the respective proposals and then convey the creditors' joint or separate views to the 21-member Steering Committee. This Committee, in turn, will submit the recommendations to the plenary meetings of the conference.

The Steering Committee is expected to meet here either tomorrow or on Wednesday but it is unlikely that a full meeting of the conference will take place this week.

An official resume is likely to be given this week on the progress of the talks which began on Feb. 28 and are expected to last until the end of April. The conference is considering pre-war external German debts, unofficially estimated at about \$2,500 million, and post-war external German debts totalling another \$3,800 million.—Reuter.

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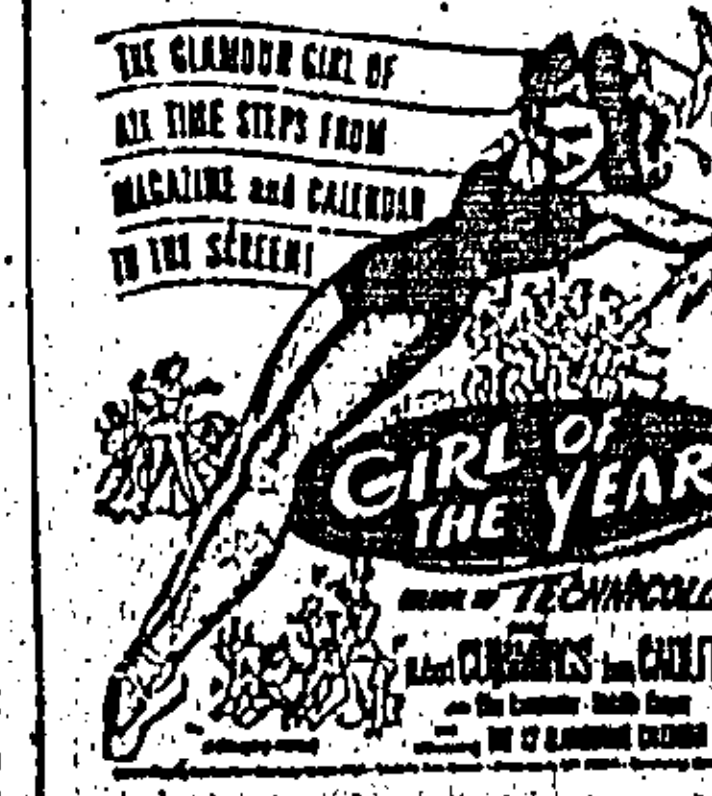
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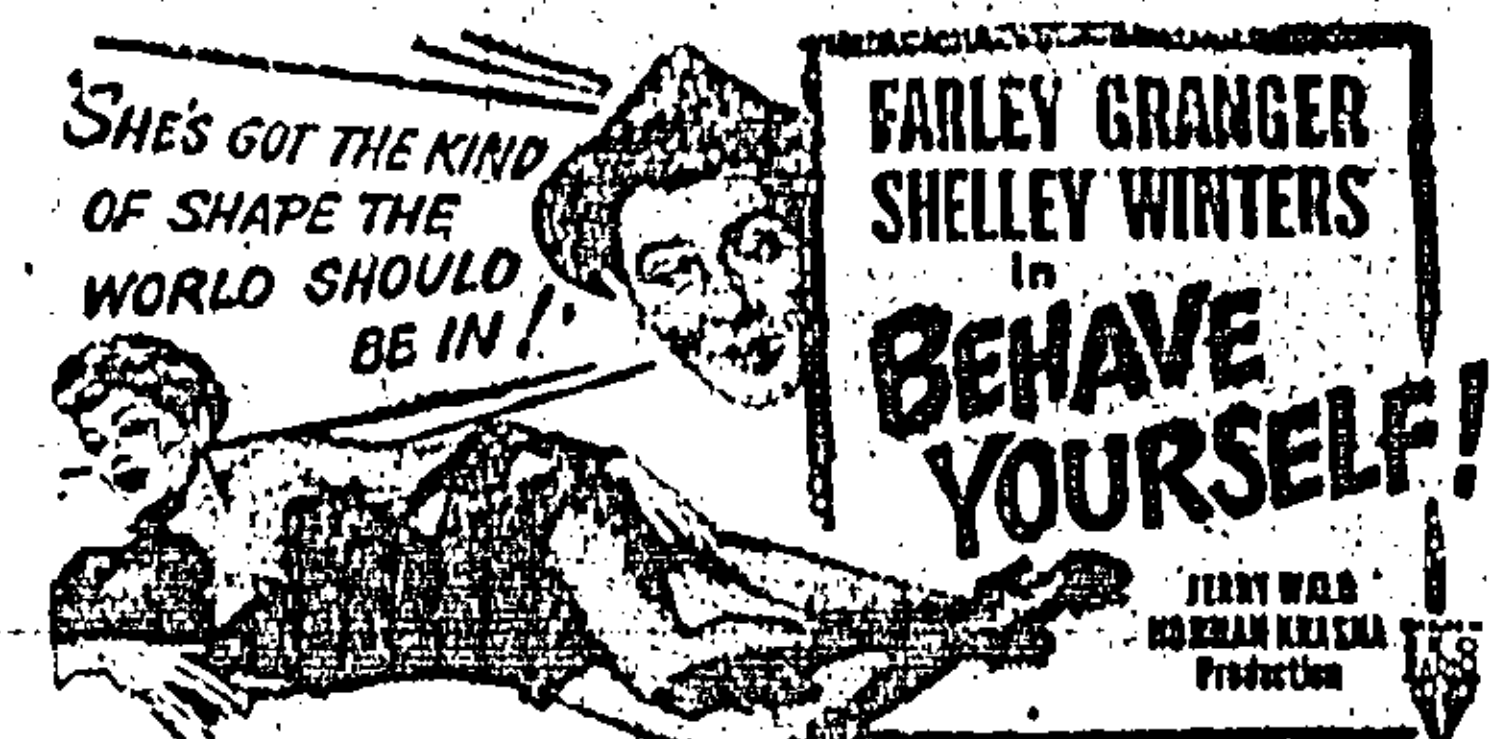
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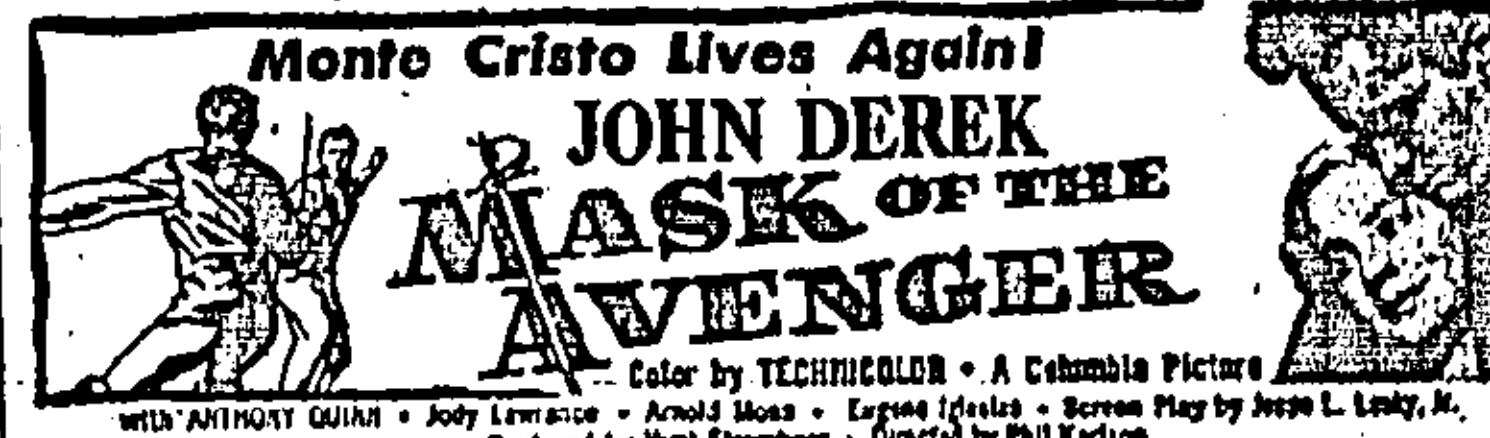


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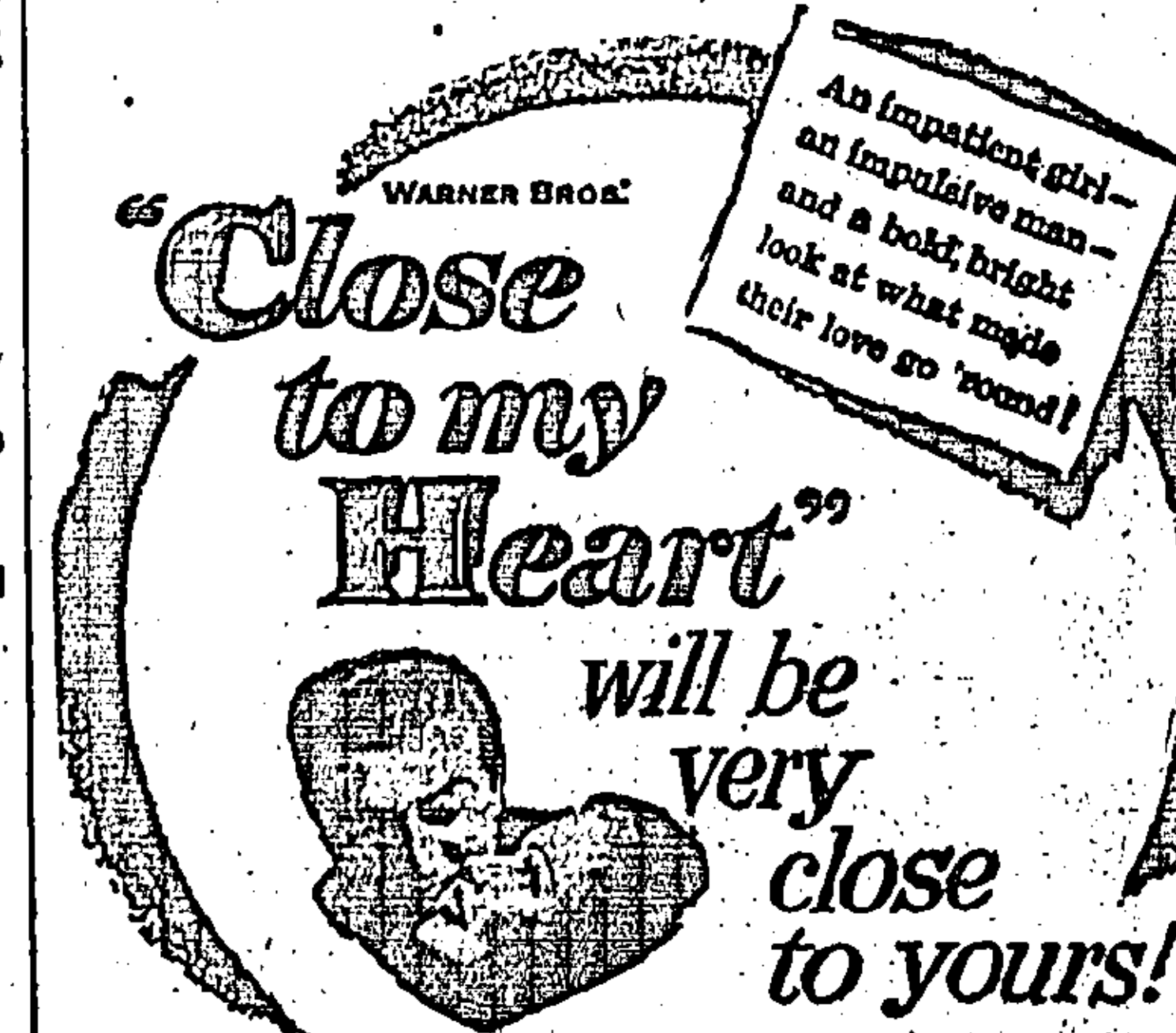
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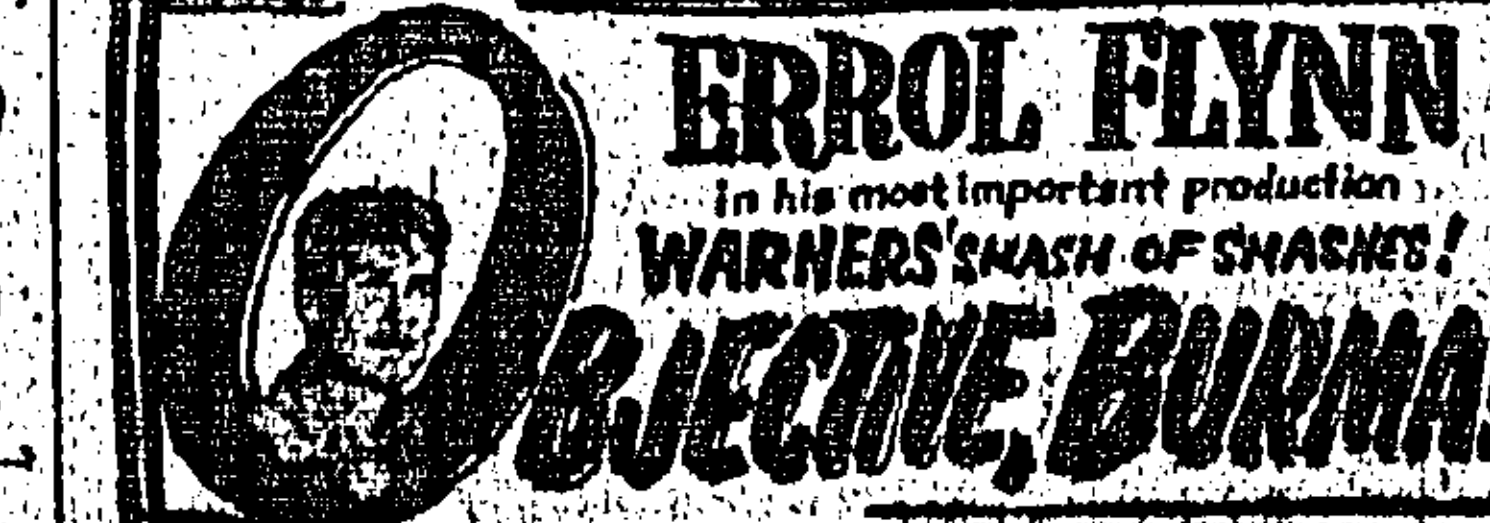
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SOCIETY WEDDING
IN LONDON

Miss Jennifer Bevan, former lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret, and her husband, Mr. John Lowther, leaving St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London, after their marriage recently. — Central Press.

JAPANESE
AT T.U.C.

London, Mar. 10. Three Japanese experts on labour and industrial problems, now on a month's tour of Britain, visited the headquarters of the Trades Union Congress today.

They were received by Mr. Victor Feather, Assistant Secretary, who gave them a talk on the general structure of the British trade union movement and relations with the Government.

Mr. D. Bowers, Secretary of the Research and Economics Department of the Congress, next spoke on the Trades Union Congress's economic policy.

The Japanese later met Mr. R. Winterton, Director of Studies, with whom they had a discussion on the Congress's educational work.

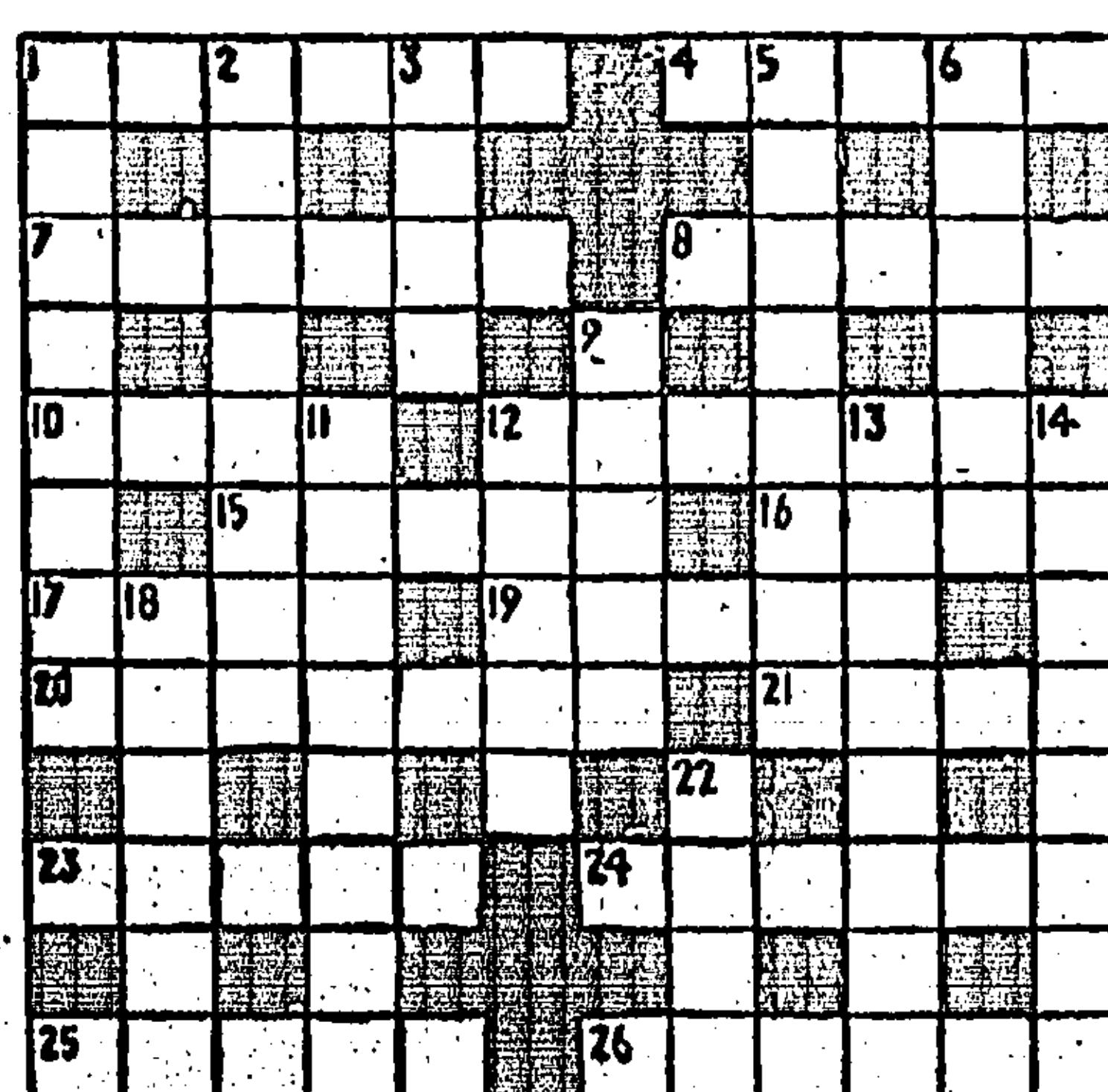
Mr. A. E. Carthy, of the International Department, then spoke to them on the international work of the Congress. — Reuters.

EDITOR GAOLED

Khartoum, Mar. 10. Saleh Grabi, Editor of the pro-Egyptian Khartoum weekly, El Telegrama, was sentenced today to six months imprisonment for an article "likely to endanger public security."

Grabi had written of Sudanese apathy while "Egyptians laid down their lives for them in the Canal Zone." — Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Medico (8).
4. Fissure (5).
7. Disappear (8).
8. Skilled (8).
10. Remainder (4).
12. Large stone (7).
13. Voice (5).
15. Language (4).
17. Level (4).
19. Suppose (5).
20. Guide (7).
21. Sharp (4).
23. Precipitous (6).
24. Duce (3).
25. Friendship (5).
26. Wan (3).

DOWN

1. Amused (8).
2. Container (8).
3. English river (4).
5. Fragrant (8).
6. Envelopes (8).
9. Military formation (5).
11. Apartment-house (8).
12. Plunder (5).
13. Dire (3).
14. Put back (8).
16. Prey (3).
22. Cougar (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3. Ascribes, 8. Imbibe, 9. Regalling, 11. Prepared, 12. Shoe, 13. Begin, 18. Dread, 19. Rued, 22. Modulate, 24. Streamer, 25. Labour, 26. Nut. — Down: 1. Lips, 2. Abbey, 3. Abraded, 4. Soar, 5. Road, 6. Blight, 7. Sagged, 10. Gentle, 14. Groom, 15. Natural, 16. Prison, 17. Rotted, 20. Barren, 21. Merry, 23. Mash, 23. Doll.

ELECTION TEST OF STRENGTH

Eisenhower-Taft Clash In New Hampshire

Primaries May Set Trend
For Nomination In July

Concord, New Hampshire, Mar. 10.

While the world looks on, New Hampshire starts the presidential election ballot parade tomorrow.

With about 100,000 voters expected to turn out in this first primary election of the nation, the outcome could set a trend that might carry General Dwight D. Eisenhower or Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio on a quest toward the Republican nomination in Chicago next July.

Mass Trial
Possible
In Prague
SUSPECTS MADE
TO CONFESS

Vienna, Mar. 10.

Diplomats speculated today that another Communist mass trial may be in the offing, following reports from Czechoslovakia that Rudolf Slansky and a score of other purged Red leaders are being made ready for a hearing.

The Russians are helping to prepare for a big show, Western informants said. The prisoners were taken to Moscow, where they were forced to confess, and about a week ago were returned to Prague.

The groundwork may have been laid for a purge hearing as spectacular as the famous Moscow trials of 1936.

In preparation, the Czech public is being told by the Press that the purged Communists were members of a "Trotskyite-Zionist" conspiracy aimed at overthrowing the Government with the help of the Western powers.

The papers have also laid partial blame for the country's present economic woes on the Jews. Many of those purged, including Slansky, former Secretary-General of the Czech Communist Party, are of Jewish origin.

PURGE OVER

The purge of Slansky's immediate followers in the Party was completed today with the appointment of the third new Secretary of the Central Committee.

The Communist newspaper Rude Pravo disclosed that J. Uzer, 40, former Party Chief in Gottwald, was named as one of the six Party Secretaries who make up the Orgburo, second highest body in the Party.

Slansky was reported to have returned to Czechoslovakia after undergoing an interrogation in Moscow. Unconfirmed reports said several other Czechs accused, like Slansky, of plotting against the Communist Government, were still being held in the Soviet capital. — Associated Press and United Press.

Slander
Case In
Final Stage

Brunswick, Mar. 10. The Prosecution ended its slander case against neo-Nazi Otto Ernst Remer today, demanding that he be found guilty to vindicate Germans who took part in the anti-Hitler underground.

Remer, who was promoted from Major to Major-General after crushing the attempt to blow up Hitler in July, 1944, is on trial here for defaming the survivors of the plot by calling them traitors from abroad.

The verdict is expected tomorrow.

Remer is already serving a 10-year-month sentence for leading members of the West German Government.

Remer, leader of the Nazi-like Socialist Reich Party, earlier today withdrew his acquiescence to some German war criminals be brought into court to give testimony for him.

During today's proceedings Hans Lukaschek, West German Refugee Minister, said that he was beaten and tortured by Gestapo after the attempt on Hitler's life though he knew nothing about it. Most of those taking part in the plot and many others were executed by the Gestapo at the time. — Reuters.

By all political yardsticks, Gen. Eisenhower needs a substantial majority over Senator Taft in the preferential (popularity) column on the ballot in order to demonstrate that he is a popular vote and could win in November.

As the matter stands, Gen. Eisenhower is credited by local surveys with a small edge over Senator Taft in the popularity test. But because his backers are made up of New Hampshire Republican leaders, most observers think he will take a majority of the State's 14 nominating delegates.

Involved in Tuesday's balloting will be the selection of an eight-vote group of Democratic and a 14-vote group of Republican national convention delegates.

As far as the rest of the world is concerned, the outcome of the preferential contest is regarded as far more important. It pits Gen. Eisenhower against Senator Taft and former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota on the Republican side; President Truman against Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee on the Democratic side.

The weather forecast was for light snow, changing to scattered showers but not likely to affect the overall voting trends.

The result of Tuesday's balloting may be assembled slowly because of the complicated nature of the ballots and the complex New Hampshire voting system.

VOTING PROCEDURE

On the official Republican ballot there are 33 candidates for delegates-at-large, 30 running for alternate delegates-at-large, seven district delegate candidates and six district alternates.

The four running in the preferential race are Eisenhower, Stassen, Taft and William R. Schneider.

A citizen who wanted to vote a full ticket would mark the slates for 10 delegates-at-large, 10 alternates, two district delegates and two alternates, plus his preferential choice — a total of 25 selections.

General Eisenhower's supporters have arranged last-minute rallies for tonight to coax as many votes as possible. Senator Taft left for Texas after an intensive three days campaign.

RECORD TURN-OUT?

Election officials expect a record vote when the polls open tomorrow morning. The election permits people to vote not only for delegates but also directly for presidential candidates. About 75,000 Republican voters are expected at the polls.

Mr. Stassen is expected to trail far behind the other two Republican candidates.

Democrats will also vote for their preferences within their

own party. They can choose between President Truman, who has not yet said whether he would run for another term next November, and Senator Kefauver.

TAFT'S PREDICTION

General Eisenhower has made no political statement during the campaign. But a team of Senators, Congressmen and influential New Hampshire men and women have held many speeches in the State hoping to elect him in his absence.

General Eisenhower's supporters predict that a substantial margin of victory would be his although one of them (Mr. Norris Cotton, a member of the House of Representatives) said in a radio broadcast that the Taft forces have made great headway.

Senator Taft regarded the election as "a horse race" between himself and the General—meaning that it would be a close struggle. He said that a postal card poll showed him as running even with his chief opponent and suggested that each would receive about 41 per cent of the Republican vote.

Senator Taft ended his campaign on Saturday at a rally in an auditorium here. The audience stood three deep around the walls, with others unable to get inside. — Associated Press and Reuters.

Malaya Not
Worried

Ipoh, Mar. 10.

Malayan tin producers are not concerned about the tin-for-steel pact concluded by the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, and President Truman.

J. T. Chappel, chairman of Petaling Tin Limited, said the Malayan Government had an assurance from Britain that no agreement affecting Malayan producers would be entered into without prior consultation.

Miners had been told that tin to all the British-American agreement will be obtained by the British Government through normal channels and the freedom of the Singapore market is not affected.

Mr. Chappel, addressing the company's general meeting, believed that the American Government will return tin purchasing to private, consumers. — Associated Press.

Commandos To
Leave Malaya

London, Mar. 10.

The Third Commando Brigade, Royal Marines, will move from Malaya to Malta by July 1 the Admiralty announced today.

The Brigade has served for two years in Malaya. The Third Commando Brigade will join Royal Navy and Army units in Malaya training for amphibious operations.

It joined with the frigate Amethyst in recent combined operations against Malayan terrorists 30 miles up the Perak River. — Reuters.

Vandenberg
Has Secret
Talks With
President

Key West, Mar. 10.

The White House slapped a tight silence today on the sudden secret conference between President Truman and General Hoyt Vandenberg, the Air Force Chief of Staff.

The President summoned General Vandenberg to the winter White House yesterday. The General flew down from Washington in a special Constellation, landed at the Boca Chica naval air station and drove immediately to the President's quarters.

The President and the Air Force Chief talked together for two hours.

A spokesman for the President said afterwards that the Chief Executive had several matters of importance to talk over with General Vandenberg.

Asked whether pressing problems were involved the spokesman said, "No," but advised against minimizing the importance of the conference.

Reporters covering the President here and their offices in Washington made extensive efforts to obtain a more detailed account of the talk but met with failure.

General Vandenberg returned to Washington immediately after the meeting. — United Press.

Pakistan Envoy
To France

Paris, Mar. 10.

The newly-appointed Pakistan Ambassador to France, Mr. Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola, called on the Foreign Ministry today and handed in copies of his credentials which he will present to President Vincent Auriol tomorrow.

In the absence of the Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, he was received by the Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry, M. Alexandre Parodi. He later conferred with Foreign Ministry representatives. — France-Press.

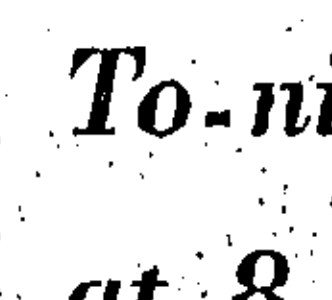
Reds Stage
Protest Over
Expulsion

Trieste, Mar. 10.

Communist-led workers went on a token 15-minute strike today to protest against the expulsion of Mrs. Neil Cattonar, of New York, the daughter of the United States Communist leader, Israel Amter, from the Trieste Free Territory.

The strike was only partially effective because the Italian Chamber of Labour ordered its members not to join the stoppage.

Mrs. Cattonar, an American citizen, was expelled from the American zone of Trieste on March 4 by the Military Government on the grounds that her documents were not in order. She and her two daughters went to Venice. Her husband, Antonio Cattonar, Trieste Communist leader, attributed the expulsion to orders from Washington. He was deported from the United States last November. — United Press.



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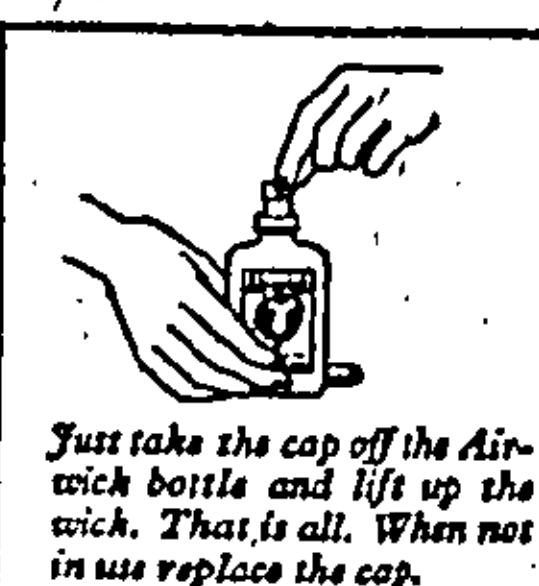
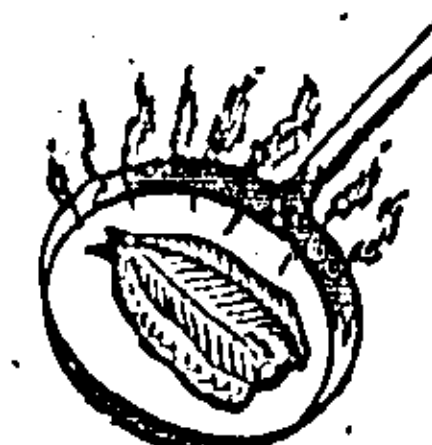
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AK4
AQ86
KQ64
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WEST EAST (D)
110073 AK52
None KCQ42
1762 KC1093
KQ775 None

SOUTH
AQD
KJ10733
AK803
North-South vul.

East South West North
10 Pass Pass Double
Pass Pass Pass
2 Pass Double Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead—A J

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE bidding of today's hand was rather peculiar. East and West could have made four spades, but they sold out at one heart. North reopened the bidding on a doubtful holding, allowing the opponents to get together in spades. Nevertheless, they sold out again, this time doubling South at a contract he made. Rather peculiar, but that's the way it happened. West opened the jack of spades, and South played low from the dummy since he wanted East to duck the trick. East obligingly played low in order to save his ace for dummy's king. South won with the queen of spades, cashed the ace of diamonds, and then returned a spade to put East in the lead.

East didn't have a safe return to his partner, so he returned the king of diamonds, and South ruffed. This confirmed South's suspicion that West had all the missing trumps, and he decided to play a trump. He had held one.

South's next step was to lead a low heart. West was an expected void of hearts, but he could not afford to ruff. Dummy would merely play one of the low hearts, and West would get nothing of value for his trump.

When West discarded a diamond, dummy won with the ace of hearts. Declarer next cashed the queen of diamonds, discarding a heart from his hand. He then led dummy's last diamond, ruffing the nine of clubs from his hand.

West could not afford to overruff with the jack of clubs. If he did so, he would have to return a spade or a trump. A trump return would allow South to draw trumps, leaving dummy with a good trump and only two heart losers. A spade return would allow South to return a heart while South ruffed.

So West discarded a spade, but it did him no good. South gave up two heart tricks to East, but then West and dummy had to return a heart. No matter what East returned, West had to ruff with the jack. West then led his last heart, allowing declarer to win the last trick with dummy's ten and his own ace and king.

CARD SENSE

O—The bidding has been: West North East South
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Heart Pass 3 Heart Pass
You, South, hold: Spades K-J-9-5, Hearts A, Diamonds 10-9-8-3, Clubs K-10-9-8. What do you do?

A—With three no-trump, your first response was quite sound. You are entitled to respond again to this highly invitational bid. You have stoppers in the black suits and some help towards a stopper in diamonds, so no-trump should not be too dangerous.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question last week. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-9-5, Hearts A, Diamonds 10-9-8-3, Clubs K-10-9-8. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

Across
1. Round that may be bent round.
(4) 4. Drawing in deep tins. (9)
9. Laid in dye. (4)
10. How comes out of the rain. (4)
11. How I roam in New Zealand. (5)
12. Carries a cipher and a broken halo. (7)
13. None may make this gas. (4)
14. Little gentleman who may spy. (5)
15. Whiten. (6) 16. Fruit. (3)
17. Down from the north. (6)
18. How Liza and the odder. (4)
19. Tractless test it goes. (4)
20. Tractless test it goes. (4)

Down
1. Only the oyster in colour. (6)
2. Makes mine a cut. (9)
3. Least tooth makes them pointedly sharp. (7)
4. Shiny surface of the sea-man's shirt. (6)
5. Carbuncle upon the start by the loss of kin. (4)
6. It was full when "faithful" Troy came out to drink. (6)
7. Its association with lace is not new. (6)
8. Surrounded by fish it may come from the Gulf of Bann. (4)
9. Each a name. (4)
10. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: Radiator. 11. Enlist. 12. Radiator. 13. Radiator. 14. Radiator. 15. Radiator. 16. Radiator. 17. Radiator. 18. Radiator. 19. Radiator. 20. Radiator.

Check Your Knowledge
1. In what fairy tale do you find the Chestnut Cat?
2. What do you mean by "cedentary"?
3. What is a "fish" paragraph?
4. What is a fluid dram?
5. Where is the Irish Sea?
6. What do you understand by the phrase "cap-a-pie"?
(Answers on Page 10)

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

A WRITER, claiming that men have much more business sense than women, recalled to me Mme. Hausmann's plaintive remark to a friend:—

"Every time we buy a house in Paris, the moment we begin to settle down in it a boulevard passes through it."

Miss Snibbo

THE report that the exquisite Mimile Sloper is to be Miss Snibbo will make Threadgold's Thorogrip Cartelle, Ltd. wine. The terms of Mimile's contract include some curious stipulations owing to the variety of uses to which the Snibbo products can be put. She will have to be prepared to make face shine like a bathroom floor with Snibbo. She must eat Snibbo in public, grease axles with it, remove beer-mains from her car, smear rusty railings with it, cure coughs, rheumatism, measles, and neuralgia with it, and make her car glamorous with it. "It's a bit of a rise," said her mother, "after her being the Dustbin Ltd. Queen of 1951." Her father said: "All it comes to is that some mayor will kiss her at a bazaar and get away with it." The snibbo, Mimile said: "I think this is my big chance."

Waste of breath

BY giving a hundred nice hic-coughs, and catching their breath every short time, a scientist has proved that if the ordinary man used his breath economically he could save enough of it in eight minutes to run the average of a miniature mill for thirty-two

minutes.

I am reminded of this

scientific fact by an article about the control of breathing, which makes man breath-conscious. The ordinary man breathes without noticing it, as to the manner born, and so wastes breath. It occurs to me that a nation-wide campaign to save breath might result in an enormous stockpile, sufficient to create artificial hurricanes, or to fog over all the windows in a large city, or to cool an area of portulaca the size of Trafalgar Square. Let us make this so-called twentieth century the breath-minded century.

Who could have

thought it?

A WILD cry rang through a corridor: "We can't afford to keep birds for the table." I knew a man who kept a stud of raccoons for his table. He was rather a "horsey" man, whose father had been at the Siege of Ladysmith, and he'd vowed never to eat ordinary horse again. It was, of course, cut by the racing people, and the hunting people. And by the racing people.

'Mid the traffic's roar

C. SUET, Esq., has succeeded, on a paper, in getting all the traffic between Fendon Street and Gardner Street going in one direction, thus creating eight consecutive one-way streets. Traffic which would have gone in the other direction will have to cross the river four times before getting back to the junction of Elm Street and Parker Street for redirection via Nelson Street. "This," said Suet, "cuts out redundancy, keeps an even flow of one-way traffic."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

BORN today, you are one of those

energetic, energetic individuals who

to-day is doing something. You

manage to get a lot done, too, in a

very short time, and without making

much of a fuss. You are fond of

all the good things of life but you

know that it takes money to have

them, and it takes a lot of work

to make money. Result? Work

hard, accumulate a bank account—

and then you can enjoy yourself.

It takes will power and tenacity to

do it, too.

Your imagination and wit are

keen. You might find writing a

rewarding career. You are not easily

discouraged at a single failure, and

have the ability to rebound energetically

to make another try. You

should be able to make a commercial

and financial success of writing.

Your emotional nature is strong

and you love or hate with equal

intensity. You may appear easy-

going, but just let someone try to

push you around. You will take it

for just so long and then you will

rebel and fight back. A loyal and

good friend, you are a harsh enemy.

You are the type of person to be

either hated or well-beloved.

With you, there is no middle ground.

Fond of your home and family, you

will be happiest if you wed early

in life.

To find what the stars have in

store for tomorrow, select your

birthday and read the correspond-

ing paragraph. Let your birth-

day star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—

Get in touch with a friend whom

you may not see lately. It

can be mutually beneficial.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—

In giving advice, don't cast pearls

before swine. Be sure your words

are appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—

Be generous and sympathetic toward

all today. The world has need of

your help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—

Ignore minor setbacks. They can't

injure your future. If you press

forward energetically.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—

Never hold a grudge. If you are

tempted to do so, get rid of it

today and clear the air.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—

Personal integrity is of the utmost

importance. Don't surrender your

independent thinking now.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—

Today, you should attract the re-

gard and affection of other which

will bring you happiness.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—

Carelessness can lead to loss of

personal property. Be on your

guard. Watch all money assets.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—

A good day for inspiration. The

creative spirit should prosper. Put

ideas into practical use.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—

Domestic matters are likely to take

up most of your time and interest

today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—

Seek expert advice in planning out

plans for your future. Make a

start today, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—

Avoid being too speculative, but

seek out ways and means to increase

your present income.

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"TAIYUAN"	Kobe, In Port	
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"AENEAS"	Dublin & Liverpool, 20th Apr.	

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Ships	Leaves	Arrives
"CLYTONES"	Sailed	13th Mar.
"PATROCLUS"	Sailed	17th Mar.
"AENEAS"	1st Apr.	24th Mar.
"ASCANIUS"	12th Mar.	17th Apr.
"PERSEUS"	16th Mar.	17th Apr.
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"BENCLEUCH"	U.K. via Singapore	18th Apr.
"BENCRACHAN"	Japan	24th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. via Singapore	25th Apr.

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SHIPS	TO	LEAVES
"BENATTOW"	London & Hamburg	21st Mar.
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"BENLEDI"	Kobe, Yokohama & Kobe	5th Apr.
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Boycott Of Canteen

London, Mar. 10. The Bow-street boycott of the police-station canteen has spread to Gerald-road station in Belgrave, W., where 2,000 was spent recently on modernising restaurant facilities.

The organisers of the new boycott claim that it is supported by most of the 150 officers and men attached to the station and the section house above it. Men on duty are not allowed to leave the station to eat.

Meals were still being served to unmarried men, who lack facilities to bring sandwiches.

The men complain that the food, which—as at Bow-street—is supplied by the Metropolitan Police Food Service, is expensive and illcooked.

The Bow-street boycott, claimed to be 90 per cent. effective, continued without comment from the canteen manager. More than 200 lunches were wasted.

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1952.

'Ghost' Was Piece Of Cheesecloth, Witnesses Testify

London, Mar. 10. Two men who went to a seance told the West London magistrate that they took part in a "tug-of-war" with the medium for a length of cheesecloth, which they alleged he had used to impersonate the ghost of an "Uncle Bill."

The medium, Charles John Basham, a 41-year-old Post Office telephonist, of St. James's-gardens, Holland Park, was remanded on £50 bail to answer the first charge brought under the Fraudulent Mediums Act of 1951.

He pleaded not guilty to unlawfully using a fraudulent device—a piece of cheesecloth—while purporting to act as a spiritualistic medium.

The prosecutor, Mr. J. F. Claxton, said that on November 23 a Miss Wilson, a Mr. Johnson, a Miss Cox, and several other people went to Basham's home to attend a seance.

Basham was the medium and various manifestations took place. Illuminated glasses and trumpets moved around and the various visitors present were asked at times to request some person to appear.

"Mr. Johnson asked for his Uncle Bill and his aunt to appear," Mr. Claxton added. "Apparently Mr. Johnson has never had an Uncle Bill, but in answer to this request a face appeared."

"The so-called manifestation of Uncle Bill appeared in the form of a human face surrounded by some soft material, and was illuminated by a light."

"The same form of manifestation took place for the aunt, and it seems that whereas Uncle Bill was wearing a moustache, the aunt was not."

A pre-arranged signal was given, and immediately the members of Mr. Johnson's party turned their torches on Mr. Basham. He was seen to be attempting to thrust down under his clothing some cheesecloth or similar material.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Johnson

tried to get hold of the material, and they finally succeeded.

"In doing so there seems to have been a considerable attack upon them by other members present," Mr. Claxton added.

"Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Basham if he would permit himself to be searched. He refused, left the room, and when he returned he asked that Mr. Johnson and his party should go."

Mr. Claxton said that a person was not to be convicted of such an offence unless it was proved he acted for reward. He could not attempt to prove that money was paid at the meeting, but would try to show that it was the intention of the accused to incur payment.

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Basham had said in his statement to the police that it was his normal practice to charge 7s. 6d. and that it was arranged at the meeting on November 23 that those attending should pay that sum.

When arrested, said Mr. Claxton, Basham stated: "I cannot understand it. I do not remember using any cheesecloth. It must have been planted."

The Hague, Mar. 10.

The Hague Municipal Council today approved the first part of a project to purify the city's sewage instead of it being pumped into the sea.

The project, when completed, would yield about 200,000 to 250,000 tons of fertilisers annually.—Reuter.

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	sails 29th March	for Japan

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Nigerian Foreign Trade Reported At A New Peak

London, Mar. 10.

Nigeria's up and coming trade reached a new peak in 1951, it is revealed by official figures published today.

Exports were £130 million (£77 million in 1950). Imports were £83 million (£63 million) and this gives the country a favourable trading balance of £47 million.

Biggest buyer from, and seller to, Nigeria was the British Commonwealth, for the Common-wealth bought £49 million worth of Nigerian produce and sold Nigeria £51 million of goods.

Next biggest customer for Nigerian produce was the United States, which bought £13 million (£10 million).

Cocoa was Nigeria's biggest money-spinner, netting £37 million, valued at prices paid by world buyers (£13 million), valued in 1950 at prices paid by the Marketing Board to growers, followed by palm kernels, £22 million (£16 million); palm oil, £14 million (£11 million); tin, £9 million (£4 million); rubber, £8 million (£2½ million); hides and skins, £7 million (£6 million); timber £6 million (£2½ million); Cotton £5 million (£3 million).

Increased trade was due to higher prices as well as to an increased volume of trade.

COMMODITY SLIDE

Meantime, trade officials are closely watching the present slide in commodity values. Even though markets may fall further, they state, the purchasing policy of the Marketing Board will prove their worth.

The Boards are at present paying Nigerian producers lower prices than those ruling in world markets.

However, they have built up sufficient reserves to guarantee producers a fair rate by supplementing payments out of reserves, if necessary, should world values fall much below their own current purchasing prices.

—London Express Service.

Sharp Fall In Grains

Chicago, Mar. 10.

After an early bulge, which sent prices ahead as much as a cent, feed grains settled back quickly on the Board of Trade today. They came back so far that some deliveries sank under Saturday's close.

The initial upturn in feed grains, fed by commission, house buying, found no reflection in wheat. The bread cereal was barely steady at the start. As the session developed, it too fell back. Eye showed some independent firmness early.

Wheat near the end of the first hour was ½ cent lower, March \$2.53.

Corn was unchanged to ½ cent higher, May \$1.44½.

Oats were ½ cent lower to ½ cent higher, March \$0.74.

Soybeans were unchanged to ½ cent lower, March \$2.07½.

Associated Press.

Pakistan Plans For Cotton

Karachi, Mar. 10.

Pakistan hopes to nearly double the annual cotton yield in the next five years through improved planting and cultivation methods.

The Central Cotton Commission's meeting at Karachi approved a five-year development scheme for the development of better agricultural methods, pest control and agricultural extension services, involving a total expenditure of 4,000,000 rupees. The scheme is expected to increase the present annual cotton crop yield average from 1,200,000 to 2,000,000 bales per year.

United Press.

Outlook For Newsprint

Johannesburg, Mar. 10.
 British newspapers had little or no hope of being able to increase their size in 1952, Mr. P. R. J. Pitt, Director of the Bowater Paper Corporation, newspaper print producers, said here today.

Mr. Pitt added that the present six-page daily newspapers in the United Kingdom would have to be sufficient because newspaper stocks, while a little better than last year, were still too low.—Reuter.

EXCHANGES IN NY

New York, Mar. 10.

Closing foreign exchange rates (Great Britain in dollars, others in cents):

Canadian dollar in New York open market	104.50, unchanged.
Great Britain 30-day futures	\$27-1/16, up ½ of a cent.
Great Britain 60-day futures	\$27-1/16, up ½ of a cent.
Great Britain 90-day futures	\$27-1/16, up ½ of a cent.
Belgium 100% unchanged.	
France 2½% of a cent, unchanged.	
Italy 26-35, unchanged.	
Portugal 350, unchanged.	
Sweden 1035, unchanged.	
Switzerland 229½, unchanged.	
Argentina 722, unchanged.	
Prag 550, unchanged.	
Mexico 1157, unchanged.	
Venezuela 3000, unchanged.	
Hongkong dollar 17.50, unchanged.	

Associated Press.

Free Trading Discussions

Manila, Mar. 10.

The current move to substitute a selective free trade arrangement for the present free trade provision of the Bel Trade Act of 1946 between the Philippines and the United States faces serious obstacles because both countries are members of the general agreement on trade and tariffs.

Deterrent lies in the "most favoured nation" clause of the GATT agreement, which would require both the Philippines and the United States to extend the same selective free trade arrangement to other GATT member countries.

This aspect of the proposed selective pact will be looked into on Thursday by a technical committee of the National Economic Council. However, general application may be avoided if two-thirds of the GATT countries approve Philippine-United States selective trade.—France-Press.

Responsible For Unemployment?

Washington, Mar. 10.

The International Materials Conference, set up by President Truman and Mr. Clement Attlee, was blamed for unemployment in the United States by Mr. Joseph Martin, Republican leader of the House of Representatives, today.

He is to have talks tomorrow with 70 Republican members of the House.

"We must have full knowledge of the facts if we are to make certain that there is no injustice to American workers," Mr. Martin said.—Reuter.

US Unions Reject Red Invitation

Washington, Mar. 10.

The American Federation of Labour (AFL) and Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) said yesterday they are not going to attend the trade conference in Moscow from April 3 to 10.

"We herewith unequivocally reject your invitation," AFL President William Green wrote Robert Chamberlain of Denmark, General Secretary of the conference, which issued the invitation.

Henry Fleisher, Publicity Director of the CIO, told a reporter that the organization has received a number of invitations and "we're filing them all in the wastebasket."

The announced purpose of the sessions is to promote normal trade relations among the nations of the world. A number of U.S. business, agricultural and labour organizations have been invited. A low individual businessmen from this country have announced they will attend.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Mar. 10.

Prices of tin were erratic. Turnover was 40 tons. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—
 Spot tin, buyers 962
 Spot tin, sellers 963
 Business done at 960½-960
 Three-months tin, buyers 970
 Three-months tin, sellers 971
 Business done at 971½
 Settlement 982½
 —United Press.

Living Costs In The Philippine Islands Still Soaring

Manila, Mar. 10.

The average Filipino citizen makes more money today than he ever did but he has to spend much more than ever and generally has to tighten his belt a little.

The reason is high prices — usually three to four times pre-war levels and sometimes much more.

Manila, capital and nerve centre of the Philippines, is one of the most expensive cities in the world to live in. The average Manila today is worse off than before the Pacific war.

Out in the provinces, however, life is generally easier on most Filipinos, even though hundreds of thousands of them are unemployed or can find employment only part of the year.

The minimum wage for the Manila area is four pesos or two U. S. dollars a day, but that is supposed to be the lowest personal labouring class income.

The average wage earner gets P200 to P250 (\$100 to \$125) a month and if he has a wife and three or four children he almost never has enough.

A DEFICIT

Usually, he spends all that he earns and has a small deficit at the end of each month.

The creditor, most likely, is the corner store owner, where the worker gets his prime need on his reputation as a good debtor, when the cash runs out. Here's an estimate of what the average Manila family man has to pay for monthly:

Rent, at least P40 (\$20).
 Rice and bread, P25.
 Fish, vegetables, pork, meat, and eggs, P60.
 Coffee or cocoa, sugar, and milk, and margarine, P10.
 Electricity and other fuel, P7.

LITTLE LEFT OVER
 The total is P142 or \$70, leaving a balance of P58 to P108. The balance will go to clothing, also a major expense, and to children's school expenses, transportation, medical bills, cigarettes, recreation such as the cinema, and possibly a little gambling.

This average family can afford to buy only a little meat or pork, usually on Sundays. A kilogram (2.2 pounds) of pork costs P2.80 and a kilogram of other meat costs between P3 and P5, depending on the quality. Eggs are a prohibitive item. They cost P20 (ten U. S. cents) each, but if bought by the dozen at the market they may be had for P2 or \$1 a dozen. Before the war, eggs could be had for as low as two and a half centavos each.

Cigarettes (usually American) cost 90 centavos (\$0.45) a pack.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$164,187.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS					
HSBC	147 1/2	148 1/2	7 1/2	148 1/2	
Bank of China	140	140	120	140	
Wheelock	740	765	20	765 1/2	

INSURANCES

Canton	260	260	20	262 1/2	
Union	740	765	20	765 1/2	

DOCKS, ETC.

K. Wharf	100	100			
N. Wharf	0 1/2	0 1/2			
Doek	17 1/4	17 1/4			
Provident	11 1/2	11 1/2			
Humphreys	4 1/2	4 1/2	1500	4 1/2	

LAND, ETC.

HSBC	6.60	7 1/4			
HSBC	60	61			
HSBC	100	100			
HSBC	1000	1000			

UTILITIES

Tram	18 1/2	17	200	17 1/2	
C. Light (O)	8 1/2	8 1/2	500	8 1/2	
C. Light (N)	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	5 1/2	
Electric	26 1/2	26 1/2	100	26 1/2	
Telephone	17	17	1000	17	

INDUSTRIALS

Cement	19 1/2	19 1/2			
Rope	20 1/2	20 1/2			

STORES, ETC.

Dairy	18 1/2	19	500	18 1/2	
Watson	24	24	500	24	

COTTONS

Raw	2.70	2.70	2 1/2		
Spinning	3.40	3.40	3 1/2		
Yarn	3.40	3.40	3 1/2		

MECHANICALS

HSBC	3.40	3.40	3 1/2		
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Exchange Awaits Budget

GOOD TONE ON THE MARKETS

London, Mar. 10.

The pre-Budget period has produced a surprisingly good tone on the Stock Exchange.

The Financial Times' index of the market value of leading industrial shares during the past week by 3.3 points to 113.9. The lowest so far this year was 110.3 in February and the lowest last year was 115.5, in January, 1951. On the whole the picture suggests that the market is ready to face the Budget.

Every sort of forecast has raced through the markets. One is that Mr. R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will announce steps to make Sterling convertible. If this were done then the dollar price for Sterling, it is assumed, would at least temporarily fall.

There has been demand for dollar stocks, especially for short-term U.S. Government bonds whose dollar price scarcely moves. If convertibility becomes a fact and Sterling falls in terms of dollars, then the Sterling price of these U.S. Government bonds would rise, netting today's prudent, well-to-do Englishman a nice little tax-free profit.

AT A PREMIUM

All these dollar stocks have a scarcity value here and stand at a premium over the equivalent of their price in New York. The premium last week rose from 10 per cent to 14-1/2 per cent.

Gold shares refused to respond to any of the forecasts involving the future of Sterling. They have danced to so many wild theories that they seem completely played out.

One of the interesting features has been the quiet exodus out of Australian Government bonds. Australian 3-1/2 per cent 1961-65 bonds have fallen 1-1/2 in the past fortnight to 92-1/4 compared with last year's high of 103.

Japanese bonds were active but faced plenty of selling. Most of them closed last week unchanged but 1950's gained 2-1/2 to 2-1/2-3/4 which is a new high for this year.

German issues were weaker and Mining shares completely idle.—United Press.

Buying Rush On New York Cotton Market

New York, Mar. 10.

Cotton futures were firm in early dealings today as a rush of commission house buying and short covering found offerings limited. Gains extended to about \$2.50 a bale, paced by demand for the new crop months. Prices reacted somewhat from the day's highs on profit-taking.

Interest in the new crop months was based partly on price consideration and expectations of a small cotton carryover at the end of the current season on July 31. There were 95 March transferable contracts issued at New York this morning, but it failed to bring selling pressure into that delivery. A leading spot firm promptly stopped the March notices issued since first notice day.

Futures closed \$1.00 to \$2.05 a bale higher than the previous close.

May	30.78-80
July	30.80-81
October	30.81-84
December	30.84-86
March	30.87
May	30.78-80
July	30.80-81
October	30.81-84

Midnight spot 41½ nominal, up 25.—Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

New Orleans, Mar. 10.

Cotton futures closed steady, \$1.25 to \$1.05 a bale higher.

March	40.63
May	39.70-80
July	39.87-89
October	39.23

—Associated Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Mar. 10.

Consols	99	of 1934	..
"D"	5s.	6d	..
"E"	5½s.	of 1934	..
Consols	99	of 1934	..

